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1. Data as follows are forwarded for review and comment:

- a. ED Project Manager MILLER
- b. Project Number FIOWA04/500
- c. Program Element: ☐ Site Survey Report ☐ Additional Information as Requested
☐ Ordnance Survey ☐ Draft F & D ☐ Design Package ☐ Other
- d. Project Location KING COUNTY, WA
- e. Description SEATTLE AREA DISPOSAL CENTER
- f. Status SITE SURVEY COMPLETE
- g. Source of Data: HND/AE Dist AE X Dist/Inhouse Other
- h. Suspense Date 19 NOV 86
- i. Conference Date & Location NA
- j. Cost Account Number QE7780EE0180176

2. Each Branch Chief is requested to furnish comments by cover DF, to ED-ES Service Section, no later than COB on suspense date above. All comments shall be typed and submitted on HND Form 7. Comments shall contain a statement to indicate that the data have actually been reviewed. If, after review, you have no cmts, a statement to that effect and reviewers name shall be included. Detail or specific questions should be referred to the ED-PM. Persons planning to attend conferences should promptly notify the Project Manager.

3. Technical representative should review submittal for adequacy in developing a project package to be presented to higher HQ. Questions/comments pertaining to insufficient data should be made directly to local district by telecon & documented by MFR. All comments/questions should be coordinated among interested discipline within HND.

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DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT (DERA)
INVENTORY PROJECT REPORT
SEATTLE AREA DISPOSAL CENTER
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROJECT NUMBER F10WA041500

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PART I - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

August 1, 1986

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT (DERA)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION
SEATTLE AREA DISPOSAL CENTER
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROJECT NUMBER FLOWA041500

1. Introduction: The Seattle District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, has conducted an evaluation of the former Seattle Area Disposal Center which consisted of an 4.88-acre open storage site for barrels and related materials located in Seattle, Washington.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT: This report reviews the past and current use, ownership and condition of the site based on documentary sources, interviews and a field inspection. No remedial work under DERA is warranted. Organization of the report is as follows:

- a. Project Description (Part I)
 - 1. Site Map (Attachment No. 1)
- b. Findings and Determination of Site Eligibility (FDE) Report (Part II)
- c. Policy Considerations (Part III)
- d. Project Recommendations (Part IV)

3. Field Inspection: A site visit was made on 17 April 1986 by:

Robert S. Andersen
Anton M. Fackelmann
Mr. Ken Crooker

R.S. Andersen/Land Use Planning
Tetra Tech, Inc.
Warehouse Manager, Port of Seattle

Features of the site observed during the inspection are described in section 4 below. A set of photographic slides of the site taken at the time of the inspection are on file in Seattle District.

4. Description of Site and Area:

a. The site consists of three contiguous parcels totaling 4.88 acres situated in south Seattle, east of the 4600 block of East Marginal Way South. Acquisition, use and disposal of the property are as follows:

(1) Permit for 1.62 acres (see Attachment 1, Area A) was granted by the City of Seattle in 1945, for barrel storage, as part of the Seattle General Depot under the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General. Effective 1 July 1947, the property was placed under the control of the Chief of Engineers as part of an active installation commanded by the Seattle District Engineer. Effective 1 July 1953, the property was placed under the control of

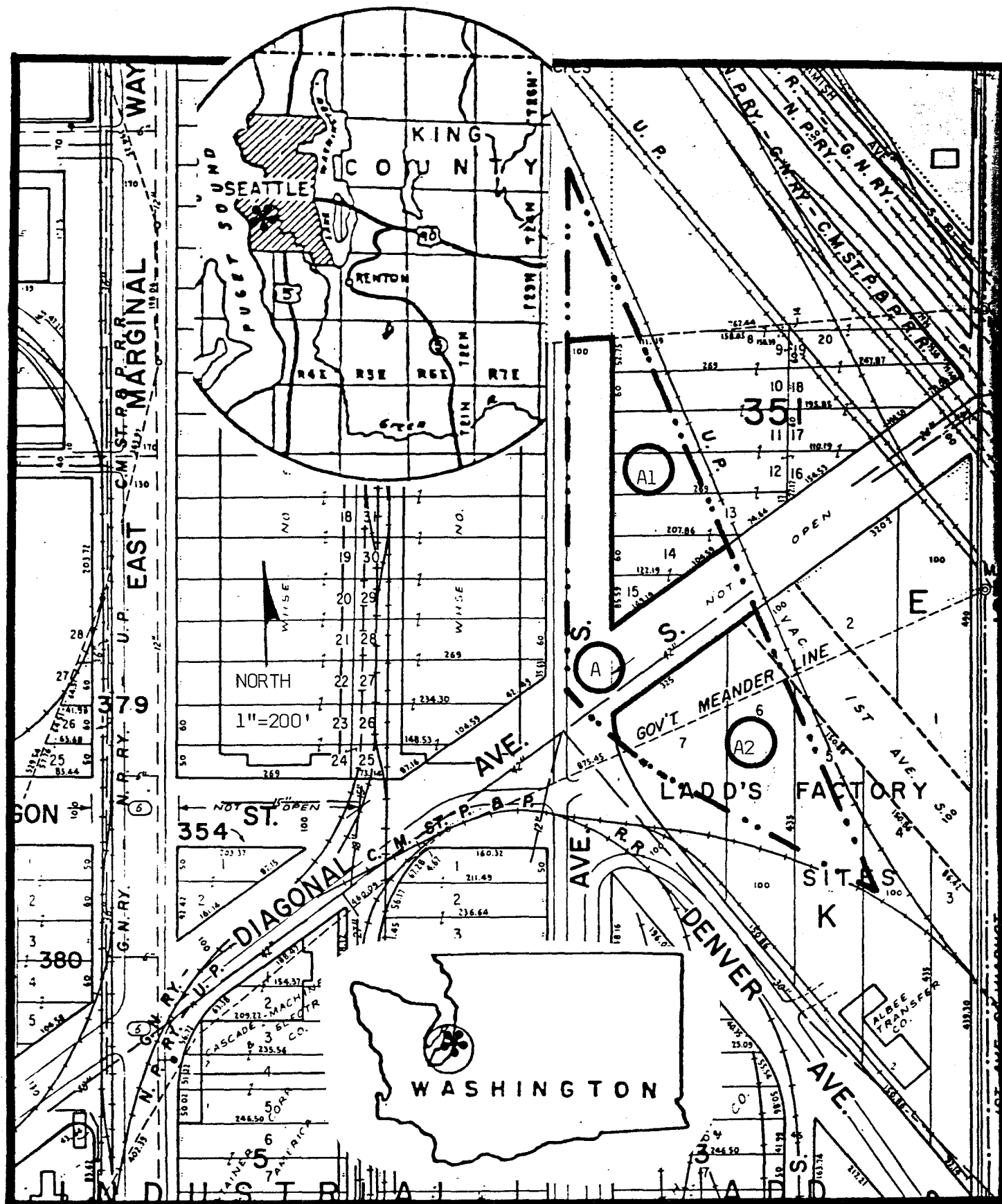
Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army and jurisdiction of the Commanding Officer, Fort Lawton, as part of the newly designated Seattle Area Disposal Center. Effective 1 August 1959, the permit from the City of Seattle which allowed Army use of the property was terminated. The USA was released of any liability arising out of its use of the property by release instrument signed for the City of Seattle on 12 August 1959 by the City Engineer.

(2) An exclusive lease for 3.26 acres (see Attachment 1, areas A-1 and A-2) was acquired from the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company and the Union Pacific Railroad Company in 1946, for expansion of open storage (barrels) as part of the Seattle General Depot under the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General. Effective 1 July 1947, the property was placed under the control of the Chief of Engineers as part of an active installation commanded by the Seattle District Engineer. Effective 1 July 1953, the property was placed under the control of Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army as part of the newly designated Seattle Area Disposal Center. The lease which allowed use of the 3.26 acres was terminated effective 31 July 1959 due to transfer of the property disposal function to the Auburn Depot Activity, Auburn, Washington.

b. Use of the property for barrel storage was evidently short-term, 1945-1947. While it is assumed that the barrels were for fuel, it is not known if they were full or empty, or the numbers stored at the facility. During the period when Seattle District controlled the property, (1947-1953) the Sixth Army's Seattle Disposal Center actually made use of it for storage and surplus of all kinds of material from several Army installations in Washington. This continued until 1959. No structures were constructed on the site during the period of DOD control.

c. The field inspection revealed no visible evidence of any previous DOD storage activities. The site and surrounding railroad yard and industrial parcels are devoid of any plant growth, probably due to the continuous truck and vehicular activity. The site is currently developed as part of the Union Pacific Railroad switching yard. The railroad has constructed two large, metal shop buildings, several small storage sheds, and several new lines of track on the site, construction occurred between 1975 and 1979. Diagonal Avenue, east of Colorado, has been vacated and contains new track spurs and frontage aprons for switching yard operations. The remaining rights-of-way are paved with asphalt and gravel, and are generally in fair to poor condition. The immediate vicinity is developed for light and heavy industry and warehousing. Except for the vacated portions of Diagonal Ave., ownership of the rights-of-way remains with the city of Seattle. Union Pacific owns the remainder of the site in fee.

ATTACHMENT NO.1 - SITE MAP ,



ATTACHMENT 1: SEATTLE AREA DISPOSAL CENTER

PART II - FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY (FDE) REPORT

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT (DERA)
FOR FORMERLY USED SITES
FINDING AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
SEATTLE AREA DISPOSAL CENTER, WASHINGTON
PROJECT NO. F1OWA041500

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Seattle Area Disposal Center is located within the city of Seattle and consists of 4.88 acres of land that was used by the Department of Defense (DOD) as an open storage site for barrels (1945 and 1947) and a wide range of surplus material from various Army installations in Washington (1947-1959).

2. Acquisition, use and disposal of the property are as follows:

a. A permit for 1.62 acres was granted by the City of Seattle in 1945, for barrel storage, as part of the Seattle General Depot under the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General. Effective 1 July 1947, the property was placed under the control of the Chief of Engineers as part of an active installation commanded by the Seattle District Engineer. Effective 1 July 1953, the property was placed under the control of Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army and jurisdiction of the Commanding Officer, Fort Lawton, as part of the newly designated Seattle Area Disposal Center. Effective 1 August 1959, the permit from the City of Seattle which allowed Army use of the property was terminated. The USA was released of any liability arising out of its use of the property by release instrument signed for the City of Seattle on 17 August 1959 by the City Engineer.

b. An exclusive lease for 3.26 acres was acquired from the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company and the Union Pacific Railroad Company in 1946, for expansion of open storage (barrels) as part of the Seattle General Depot under the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General. Effective 1 July 1953, the property was placed under the control of Headquarters Sixth U.S. Army as part of the newly designated Seattle Area Disposal Center. The lease which allowed use of the 3.26 acres was terminated effective 31 July 1959 due to transfer of the property disposal function to the Auburn Depot Activity, Auburn, Washington.

3. Use of the property for barrel storage was evidently short-term, 1945-1947. While it is assumed that the barrels were for fuel, it is not known if they were full or empty, or the numbers stored at the facility. During the period when Seattle District controlled the property (1947-1953) the Sixth Army's Seattle Disposal Center actually made use of it for storage and surplusing of all kinds of material from several Army installations in Washington. This continued until 1959. No structures were constructed on site during the period of DOD control.

4. There is no visible evidence of any previous DOD storage activities. The site is currently developed as part of the Union Pacific Railroad switching

yard. The railroad has constructed two large, metal shop buildings, several small storage sheds, and several new lines of track on the site, construction occurred between 1975 and 1979. Diagonal Avenue, ~~east of Colorado~~, has been vacated and contains new track spurs and frontage aprons for switching yard operations. The remaining rights-of-way are paved with asphalt and gravel, and are generally in fair to poor condition. The immediate vicinity is developed for light and heavy industry and warehousing. Except for the vacated portions of Diagonal Avenue, ownership of the rights-of-way remains with the City of Seattle. Union Pacific owns the remainder of the site in fee.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing finding of fact, it has been determined that the property was formerly leased and used by the DOD; however, an environmental restoration project is not warranted within the purview of Public Law 99-190, dated 19 Dec 85, for the reasons stated above.

Date

R.E. ABBOTT
Colonel, U.S.A.
Division Commander

PART III - POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

PART III

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT (DERA)
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
SEATTLE AREA DISPOSAL CENTER
PROJECT NO. F10WA041500

The site has been evaluated in terms of current DERA policies and guidance as of the date of this report.

PART IV - PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

PART IV

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACCOUNT (DERA)
PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS
Seattle Area Disposal Center; Project No. F10WA041500

There is no evident need for a DERA cleanup at this site and no further consideration of the property is recommended.